



Copyright Office Modernization

Continuous Development Quick Facts

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To better align with the U.S. Copyright Office's 2022-2026 [Strategic Plan](#), the Office has changed the name of this document to Copyright Office Continuous Development Quick Facts.

ECS (Enterprise Copyright System) Development

Registration

- Work continues to build out functionality of a reimagined Standard Application form (used by most claimants) that includes certificate and Public Record preview functionalities.
- Public-facing component development focuses on the user interface for guiding applications through the Standard Application submission.
- Internal staff-facing component development focuses on capturing claim submission and examination information along with continued work on examination and workflow management capabilities.

Recordation

- Since the Recordation System pilot program became available to the public in April 2020, the Office released several enhancements that mitigated identified issues, updated the design to align with other ECS modules, and added more auditing and reporting capabilities.
- The Office is preparing for the next recordation release in spring, which will upgrade the internal document review components. This is a prerequisite to developing the next feature set.

Licensing

- The Office performed an internal release of major Licensing module functionality for staff testing and feedback in October. This testing allowed Licensing Section staff to provide early feedback on design and functionality to inform the full production release.
- In December, the Licensing Section completed a major accomplishment by integrating fiduciary operations with the Library of Congress financial system.

Copyright Public Records System

- In September, the Office released more enhancements to the Copyright Public Records System (CPRS), including a pop-up satisfaction survey, hyperlinks that allow for easy searching of registration or recorded document numbers that are referenced within other registration or recorded document records, and an enhanced data export process to keep the system up to date.

- In December, the Office made a subset of digitized application cards and their metadata available in CPRS. These records are searchable, and the card images display alongside the metadata in the detailed record view.
- The Office is working toward a release in 2023. This release will provide electronic registration and recordation certificates, enable the public to create accounts to save their searches and favorite records, improve data parity between CPRS and the Public Catalog, and make additional digitized application cards and their metadata available in CPRS.

Additional Modernization Actions

Research Services Module

- The Office is preparing for an initial limited release for testing of an improved copy request and request fulfillment services automated workflow.

Contact Center

- Development work toward transitioning to a modern, cloud-based Copyright Contact Center is well underway. The project will provide a best-in-class integrated solution in support of providing copyright information to the public efficiently and effectively, and improve user experience for both the public and for Copyright Office staff.

Historical Public Records

- Through December 2022, the Historical Public Records team has digitized over 5,972 volumes of the more than 26,000 copyright record books. The record books contain over 26 million pages of records from 1870 through 1977. There are now 5,000 record books available online for public access.

More Events and Activities

- The Copyright Office is hosting monthly webinars focusing on the new Recordation System. Webinars in 2023 are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. eastern time on January 5, January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, and July 27.
- The Copyright Public Modernization Committee Meeting will host a virtual meeting on March 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. eastern time. Participants must [register](#) in advance to attend.

Please contact us at modernization@copyright.gov to ask questions, share insights, and to learn about opportunities.

